



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and to congratulate you on your admission to one of the nation's finest universities. You are part of a student body that is among the very best in the world, excelling not only in academic pursuits but also in service to society. UMB is well-known for the many ways it applies new knowledge to the problems of the community and society at large.

Our graduate and professional schools garner national rankings and attract substantial competitive research funding. In fact, we are among the fastest growing universities in the nation for annual sponsored research dollars awarded. On behalf of all campus leadership, I am excited that you are part of the fast-paced, academically challenging, productive environment.

You will find our faculty dedicated not only to nurturing leaders and scholars, but also to fostering service to humanity. I hope you will make the most of the opportunities available to you by joining with faculty in both their scholarly pursuits and their service initiatives.

An important opportunity available to you is the time-honored tradition of student governance—one of the most important tools for ensuring the University's strength and vibrancy. I encourage you to share your ideas about how the University should go forward, and to get involved in student government in your schools and in the campuswide University Student Government Association.

Participating in campus life is more convenient with the opening of our new Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center. The SMC Campus Center is designed to facilitate meeting with other students, faculty, staff, and alumni. With a fully equipped wellness and recreation center, swimming pool, elevated running track, dining options, conference and meeting rooms—and places just to relax—the SMC Campus Center is the perfect place to replenish your mind, body, and spirit.

As we begin this exciting new year, I extend to you my heartiest wishes for a successful, happy, and enriching experience here at UMB.

Sincerely,

David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil  
President

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